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**Transmittal of Application Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

Application of: Katharine M. Cowger and Charles D. Spragg  
For Tire Components Having Improved Durability

Enclosed is a new patent application. It includes 3 sheet(s) of drawings.

1.  This application claims priority
  - under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) from one or more foreign filed patent application(s): \_\_\_\_\_, filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, a certified copy of which  is enclosed  will follow.
  - under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)(1) from the following provisional patent application(s): 60/397,887, filed on July 22, 2002.
2.  Amend the specification by inserting, just after the title: "This application claims the benefit of provisional application no. 60/397,887, filed on July 22, 2002."
3.  Enclosed is an assignment of this application to Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., and a completed Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
4.  Enclosed is the oath/declaration executed by each named inventor.
5.  Enclosed is a written request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) regarding petitions for extensions of time.
6.  Enclosed is Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet.

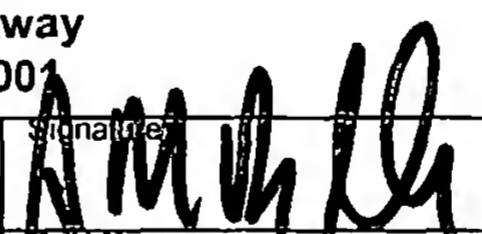
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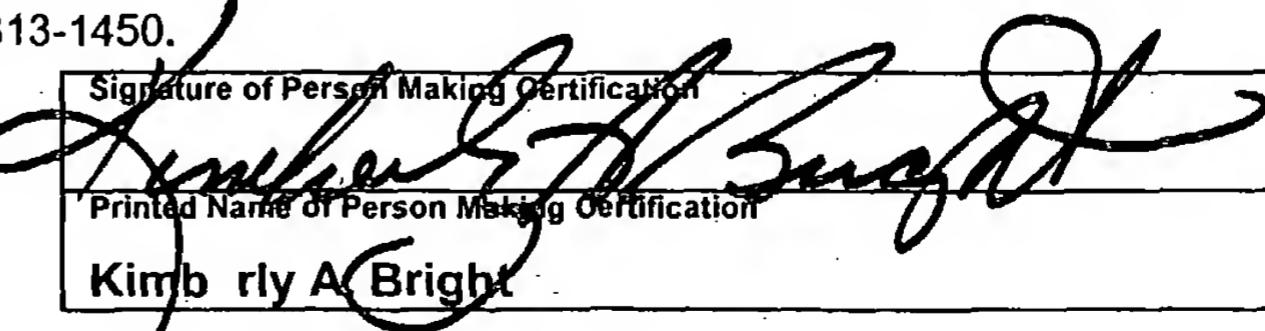
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